

REMARKS

This application is being filed concurrently with entry into the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/000100 which claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application Nos. 0300793.7 and 0321579.5.

This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 17 and the number of independent claims is 2.

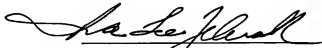
The Specification has been amended. The text beginning on page 5, line 13 and ending on page 8, line 20 has been moved to the Detailed Description of the Invention section in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b). Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-15 remain in the application. Claims 5-12 and 15 have been amended and claims 16-17 are new. Claims 5-12 and 15 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies in these claims and to place the claims in proper form.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

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